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SUBJECT Port Facilities and Ship Sightings  
in the Arkhangelsk Area

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reports on the Arkhangelsk area

Attachments:

1. One page of information on power stations and sawmills, with coordinates. 25X1
2. Two-page report on sighting of submarines and small vessels, at Solombala and in the channel. 25X1
3. One-page report on sawmills in the Solombala - Khabarka area, a new bridge between Solombala Island and Arkhangelsk, and ship construction in the Moseyev Koshka area. 25X1
4. Two pages of information on sighting of submarines destroyer and smaller vessels in the Solombala area. 25X1
5. Two-page report on entry procedure and oil tankers; this report notes that the DVINA lightship leaves its anchorage at night and reappears in the morning. 25X1

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3. BERTHING.

No. 19 sawmill is situated at the south western tip of PREVIENNIK ISLAND. The depth of water at this point is 27 feet, but two marker buoys were observed in the channel between PREVIENNIK and KHABARKA indicating shallow water.

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4. CONTROL.

The control station is situated on the western side of the river south and west of PORT ECONOMIYA.

5. OIL TANKS.

Two surface oil storage tanks were seen on the north eastern part of KHABARKA; some construction was also in progress and two mobile cranes were at the same location. No jetties or shipping were observed.

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6. OIL TANKERS.

Three identical tankers were seen moored in the stream in the  
SYEVERNAYA DVINA off the southern part of ARCHANGEL.

describe  
as being between 4,000 and 5,000 tons gross, apparently  
with no identification markings except the Russian flag.

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NAVAL SHIPPING AT ARCHANGEL

1. The following shipping was seen in the port [REDACTED] 25X1

2. SUBMARINES.

Two identical submarines passed SOLOMBALA outward bound, described as follows:-

[REDACTED]  
Off SOLOMBALA outward bound.

Alongside sawmill No.19.

Visibility good but submarines only visible for short period.

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[REDACTED]  
Low square conning tower with protruding mast.

One small gun both fore and abaft of conning tower.

Flying white flag with sickle and hammer on blue background.

Length about 160 feet.

3. ESCORT VESSEL.

One destroyer was observed and described as follows:-

[REDACTED]  
Leaving SOLOMBALA outward bound.

Alongside sawmill No.19.

Good visibility.

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[REDACTED]  
One funnel midships, upright.

[REDACTED]  
200 feet overall.

Lattice type mast forward of funnel and behind bridge. Smaller mast aft.

Slightly raking stem; break in hull just forward of bridge,

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3. ESCORT VESSEL. contd.....

One gunshield forward of the bridge not more than 4" in calibre.

None seen.

Scanner on lattice mast.

Three red bands painted diagonally on the funnel.

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4. PATROL VESSELS.

Eight identical patrol vessels were seen in a group off the SOLOMBALA

Shipyards, described as being 60 feet in length

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details were not taken.

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1. POWER STATIONS.

- (a) Small power station south end of AMOSOV village. Position  $64^{\circ}36'48''$  N,  $40^{\circ}30'03''$  E.
- (b) Fairly big power station south end of POVRAKUL. Position  $64^{\circ}39'09''$  N,  $40^{\circ}32'06''$  E.
- (c) At the S.E. corner of POVRAKULSKI Island there is a very big power station with six chimneys. Approximate position  $64^{\circ}37'39''$  N,  $40^{\circ}35'54''$  E.

2. TRAWLER HARBOUR.

- (a) About two miles up river from No.3 Sawmill (position  $64^{\circ}31'12''$  N,  $40^{\circ}37'33''$  E.) is a trawler harbour and fish market.
- (b) There were about 25 modern looking steam trawlers in the harbour.

3. SAW MILLS.

- (a) No.2 sawmill is located about one mile up river from the trawler harbour.
- (b) No.12 sawmill is located at the S.W. tip of BREVIENNIIK Island at KORABYELNOYE village and about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile N.W. from No.2 timber yard, No.12 sawmill has been burnt out.
- (c) All pit-prop loading quays are called "Timber yards" as opposed to "Sawmills" where cut timber is loaded.

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NAVAL VESSELS AT ARCHANGEL

1. [ ] in the port of ARCHANGEL the following naval vessels were seen.

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2. THREE IDENTICAL SUBMARINES.

[ ]  
Alongside the quay at SOLOMBALA between the shipyard and No.16/17  
sawmill.

Alongside No. 16/17 sawmill.

Submarines partly obscured by other shipping.

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[ ]  
About 20 feet high, square shape and fully enclosed.

None seen.

None seen.

Hull about 120 feet long and inclined from bow to conning tower.

NOTE: Each submarine had a tug or a lighter alongside.

3. There were about twenty vessels which resembled minesweepers also alongside  
at SOLOMBALA. These vessels appeared to be moored in a group, [ ]

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4. (a) A group of about twenty five armed barges or river craft were seen  
moored in the channel between sawmill No.16/17 and sawmill No.20. These  
craft were passed at a distance of about 500 yards.

(b) Description of craft:-

(i) Length - about 75 feet.

(ii) Hull flush, apparently of wooden construction with wheelhouse  
fairly well aft.

(iii) Armament: two guns forward and one abaft of the wheelhouse.

[ ] Each gun was fitted with a shield and the calibre was about 70 mm.

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1. The port of ARCHANGEL [REDACTED]

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2. NEW BRIDGE.

The pontoon bridge joining SOLOMBALA ISLAND to ARCHANGEL has been replaced by a new iron bridge [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The bridge carries heavy traffic including trams.

3. SAWMILLS.

No. 16 and 17 sawmills are situated north and west of SOLOMBALA and opposite Khabarka. Sawmill No. 20 is on the same side of the river further north and near the inlet south of AMOSOV. The ENFLOT offices are situated near the market place in the south western part of ARCHANGEL.

4. SHIPYARDS.

A new merchant ship of some 5,000 tons (gross tonnage) is under construction in the shipyard near MOSYEV KOSHKA. Another vessel of some 7,000 tons gross was seen in the floating dry dock at the same location. Dredging outside this shipyard was carried out continually.

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- (iv) Personnel wearing U.S.S.R. Naval uniform were seen employed in various duties on board.
- (v) The general impression of these craft was that of being in commission as opposed to reserve.



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